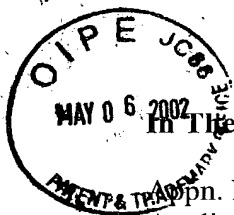


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on February 7, 2002 and having a
 15 shortened statutory period for reply of two months, applicant responds as follows:

NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE NON-PROVISIONAL APPLICATION

Applicant asserts that drawings were, in fact, provided with the original filing of this
 application, and that any error was due to handling difficulties at the USPTO. As evidence of the
 20 proper original submission of the drawings, photocopies of both sides of the return-receipt
 postcard are enclosed herewith, as well as a copy of the drawings as originally submitted.
 Furthermore, should the Office of Petitions contend that the drawings were not submitted with the
 application, Applicant further contends that the drawings are not necessary for according this
 application with a filing date of January 2, 2002. To support this alternate contention, applicant
 25 indicates that the invention has been claimed as a method, and Applicant further contends that the
 application inherently supports the drawings and will provide a detailed explanation regarding
 this contention, non-supported subject matter, if it exists, removed. This petition is submitted
 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(h), along with the requisite \$130.00 fee. Should this petition be granted,
 Applicant hereby requests a refund of the petition fee.

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Applicant further notes that an additional \$42 is also enclosed to cover the deficiency noted in the Notice.

In addition, a one petition for a one-month extension of time is also enclosed, and a request for a refund of this fee is also requested, should the petition be granted. Applicant notes
5 that Applicant is a small entity for purposes of this fee determination.

In the event the Petitions Officer reviewing this petition wishes to discuss any aspect of this response, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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A filing date has NOT been accorded to the above-identified application papers for the reason(s) indicated below.

All of the items noted below and a newly executed oath or declaration covering the items must be submitted within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice, unless otherwise indicated, or proceedings on the application will be terminated (37 CFR 1.53(e)).

The filing date will be the date of receipt of all items required below, unless otherwise indicated. Any assertions that the item(s) required below were submitted, or are not necessary for a filing date, must be by way of petition directed to the attention of the Office of Petitions accompanied by the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h)). If the petition states that the application is entitled to a filing date, a request for a refund of the petition fee may be included in the petition.

- The application was deposited without drawings. 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence) requires a drawing "where necessary for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented." *Applicant should reconsider whether the drawings are necessary under 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence).*

The required items noted below SHOULD be filed along with any items required above. The filing date of this nonprovisional application will be the date of receipt of the items required above.

- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$42.
 - \$42 for 3 independent claims over 3 .
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 42.

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